THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

| D.T.E MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY 55 Bearfoot Road Northborough, MA 01532 |)))))) | Petition for a determination that a proposed 23 kV sub-transmission line in the Towns of Groveland and Georgetown is necessary and will serve the public convenience and be consistent with the public |
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To the Honorable Department of Telecommunications and Energy:

- 1. This is a petition of Massachusetts Electric Company (Petitioner) for a determination by the Department that a proposed 23 kv sub-transmission line to be constructed in the Towns of Groveland and Georgetown is necessary and will serve the public convenience and be consistent with the public interest.
- 2. Petitioner is a Massachusetts corporation authorized to transmit, purchase, sell and distribute electricity as described in Chapter 164 of the General Laws.
- 3. Petitioner is furthermore a public service corporation. Mass. Elec. Co., D.T.E. 01-77 (2002)
- 4. Petitioner seeks authority under the provisions of Section 72 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as amended, to construct, maintain and operate an overhead line for the distribution of electricity at 23 kV, beginning at a connection to New England Power Company's existing King Street #18 Substation in Groveland, and continuing in direction along an existing private right-of-way for a distance of approximately 1.6 miles to the Mill Street Junction in Georgetown.
- 5. This line will increase the reliability of Massachusetts Electric Company's sub-transmission system and will provide load relief for customers in the area. Such customers include the municipal light departments of Groveland, Georgetown, Rowley and Ipswich.

- 6. As detailed in the accompanying testimony of Messrs. Hayduk and Burgess, the proposed sub-transmission line, is necessary for the purposes alleged and will serve the public convenience and be consistent with the public interest.
- 7. The accompanying testimony of Mr. Richards describes other permitting requirements for the proposed 23 kV sub-transmission line, specifically those of an environmental nature.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Department, pursuant to the authority of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as amended, and after due notice and a public hearing, will determine that the proposed sub-transmission line is necessary for the purposes alleged and will serve the public convenience and be consistent with the public interest, and authorize Petitioners to construct and use said line.

Respectfully submitted,

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